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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH ON SRV
FOREIGN POLICY

1. SRV AMBASSADOR, VO VAN SUNG, GAVE AN ADDRESS OCTOBER 12 BEFORE THE DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PARIS. FOLLOWING A GENERAL RUNDOWN CONCERNING HIS COUNTRY, HE SPOKE ABOUT HIS GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY. HIS PRESENTATION COVERED THE USUAL THEMES, BUT IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO NOTE WHAT HE SAID ABOUT SRV RELATIONS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA AND WITH THE UNITED STATES.

2. "I SPOKE OF VIETNAM AS A 'BALCONY OVERHANGING SOUTHEAST ASIA'; THIS IMAGE ONLY UNDERLINES THE MORE THE REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF VIETNAM DUE TO GEO-POLITICS. WE HAVE ADVOCATED AND WE SHALL ALWAYS ADVOCATE SUPPORT FOR THE JUST CAUSE OF THE PEOPLES OF
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SOUTHEAST ASIA IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL

INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, SUPPORT TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION TO BECOME STATES TRULY INDEPENDENT, PEACEFUL AND NEUTRAL. ON THE BASIS OF THE FOUR PRINCIPLES THAT OUR COUNTRY HAS ADVANCED, RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN VIETNAM AND THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

3. "THE RESOLUTE SUPPORT WHICH THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE RESERVE FOR MOVEMENTS OF NATIONAL LIBERATIONS WHICH ARE DEVELOPING STRONGLY AND CARRYING IN THEIR WAKE

SOME HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF EXPLOITED PEOPLE OF THE THREE CONTINENTS OF ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA TO PUT AN END TO IMPERIALIST, COLONIALIST AND NEO-COLONIALIST DOMINATION, TO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN ALL OF ITS FORMS IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE DIRECTION OF HISTORY AND RESPONDS TO THE INTERESTS OF THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. VIETNAM WILL CONSOLIDATE AND STRENGTHEN ITS FRATERNAL BONDS OF SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION, IN ALL THEIR FORMS, WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. "ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAD CAUSED TO OUR PEOPLE AND OUR NATION INNUMERABLE DAMAGE AND LOSSES IN THE COURSE OF THEIR WAR OF AGGRESSION, OUR GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED MANY TIMES, EVER SINCE THE END OF THE WAR, THAT IT WAS DISPOSED TO NORMALIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH THIS COUNTRY. ON THE BASIS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, IT HELD ITSELF READY TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES TO RESOLVE THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO BINDING UP THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VIETNAM, THE SEARCH FOR INFORMATION ON MISSING AMERICANS, THE REPATRIATION OF THE REMAINS OF AMERICANS DEAD IN VIETNAM DURING THE WAR. THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, SHARES THE CONCERN OF THE FAMILIES OF THE MISSING AMERICANS AND CONTINUES TO ORDER RESEARCH CONCERNING

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THEIR FATE. BUT IT PROFOUNDLY REGRETS THAT THE UNITED STATES PERSISTS IN PRACTICING A POLICY HOSTILE TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND IN SHIRKING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, WHEN IT IS A QUESTION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO BINDING UP THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF VIETNAM, PREVENTING THEREBY THE SETTLEMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES".
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